said he had come to take me right along. So on my way back the thought came to me, well this looks like being captured, and that suggested the title under which I am writing. But as I have been captured for a good cause, by the help of God I will capture others for a good cause. Therefore we rallied to the old Gospel Banner, with Jesus as our captain, and the members of the Berlin church as our armor bearers, and we opened out fire on the enemy's camp on the eve of the 20th ult., and continued to Feb. 7th, and a number were captured and placed under the Banner of Jesus with Bro. Knepper and the Berlin church to stand guard over them. They will find it more blessed, with more freedom, as a prisoner for the Lord, than a free man under Satan's Banner. But the enemy became very vigilant and prevented the capture of others; or perhaps more appropriate captured them himself. Oh that they may seek their release from his barracks and surrender themselves to the army of the Lord, and find that he receives them mercifully though they have been in the ranks of the enemy, and will feast them at his table instead of allowing them to feed on husks.

May those who have been captured and placed under the banner of Jesus make good recruits in his army and help to capture others for the army of the Lord and at last may we all meet in heaven.

We held a love feast on Sunday eve. at which all of the new recruits feasted and had a foretaste of the blessedness of the capture.

I am ready for more work; and at home at present.

R. Z. Replogle.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 11th, '87.

Somerset, Ind.

There has been quite a sensation in the village and vicinity of Somerset in the past two weeks. Bro. Fitzgerald, of Tiosa, according to promise, came on the 23 of January, we having secured the house of the M. E. church. Although the weather being very bad the house was well-filled and our Bro. spoke the word of God in its purity, then the devil began his work in an assumed name of religion, which was astonishing indeed; for we were made to think of a passage of scripture in Romans, 2 chapter, 1 verse, which reads: Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest another * * * thou condemnest thyself for thou that judgest doest the same things.

But the brethren are not made up of that class that faint whenever we see a storm approaching. We take the Bible for our guide and judge accordingly, and if anything comes that is not in harmony with it we pay no attention. With all the opposition that was possible to contend with, the result was four accessions; two by relation and two candidates for baptism.

We owe our thanks to the people of Somerset for their attendance and attention and kindness shown to us through our meeting. But we heard some say they were greatly benefitted by it and we look for good in the the future.

W. H. Wagoner.

Milford, Ind.

The regular appointment of Rev. Mallott, on Saturday evening and Sunday last, were filled by Rev. J. A. Ridenour, of Dayton, Ohio. As usual the church was filled with a large and attentive people whose quiet attention denoted their appreciation of the sermon, which was replete with kind admonitions to the brethren to eschew evil and do good; to follow after the things that make for peace and things whereby we may edify one another and to promote as far as is in our power, the general welfare of Christianity. The position he then occupied and the scenes that surrounded him, brought to his mind some of the reminiscences of the past.

The council at Milford Junction, or Arnolds' Station the Modern Nice in the church's history where that old oak whose wide spread branches had formed a peaceful shade, and whose cooling influence had refreshed and invigorated his Christian faith, was rent in twain and the mildew of discord spread its withering influence over its leaves, carrying disease and death to its roots; and as those scenes passed in panoramic view before his mind, how changed was his condition, *then and now*. Then an outcast, spurned from the mother whose fostering care had furhished food and nourishment for his spiritual nature, like the orphan child driven from his adopted home, out upon a cold unfeeling world, seeking shelter in the little school house near by where, in prayer and suplication they appealed to God in their hour of affliction, and now as he stood in the pulpit of that beautiful church, whose massive walls had been dedicated to God, and cast his eyes over that large congregation that had grown from the seed sown at the little school house four years ago, he could but exclaim, O Lord thou hearest and answereth our prayers!

Like the City on the hill, this church stands prominent above them all, and it was with a thankful heart and a fervent spirit that Rev. Ridenour has mightily addressed the people for now over one week, and thus far his efforts have been blessed with an accession to the church of twelve members, and a feeling is still manifested by many more to improve this their opportunity. He leaves this evening for Auburn, Ill. Bro. Cober will fill his place and garner the sheaves now ready in this field.

H.

Auburn, Ind.

On Thursday, January the 5th, brother Rittenhouse, of Kunkle, O., came among us, and on the same evening preached to the people of Carmer's school house. On the following evening he began a series of meetings at Auburn, in the German M. E. church. This being the first meeting of the kind ever held in this place, the tenets of the Brethren church seemed strange to many. Bro. R. held up the cross to the people, and then on the 10th was joined by brother J. C. Cripe, of Dowagiac, Mich., who warned the people to flee the wrath to come. Two precions souls came out on the Lord's side, some asked to be admitted into the church on their own baptism, saying they could go with the brethren believing in all the other ordinances of the house of God. We believe there is good seed sown, and predict an ingathering. The meetings were good and spoken of by many, as such. Bro. Bricker, of Primrose, Ohio, was with us part of the time and aided us in singing, for which he has our thanks. Bro. B. is a pleasant fellow.

Elder J. C. C. preached his farewell sermon Friday evening, Feb. the 4th, and on Saturday returned home. Rev. Palmer, of Pioneer, Ohio, assisted in the meetings from Feb. 4th, until Sunday evening, Feb. 6th, when the meetings came to a close. Elder Rittenhouse and Cripe made substantial friends here.

Elder J. H. Swihart is expected here some time in May. Hope the traveling brethren will not forget us. Stop off at Auburn Junction.

May grace, love, and peace be with the sisters and brethren everywhere.

W. C. Carmer.

A Visit to Ashland.

I left Ankenytown, Ohio, at 10 a. m., Jan. 31st, enroute for Ashland. Arrived safely and the first one to greet me was my friend and Bro. J. L. Kimmel, and it was a pleasant meeting. It reminded us of "the long ago" in old Somerset. After a little chat and a little walk up, up, up, we stood in the presence of "ye editor." And a good impression was made on our mind right then and there that this man—I mean Bro. Garber—was a man of "biz" and as I felt at home and being of a "nosey" disposition, I read some of the articles on the hook for the B. E., and I had to say to myself, well here is the place where a person must exercise a great deal of charity and fulfill the injunction, "In patience possess ye your souls." Brethren be slow in your criticisms. When you visit the office you will find manuscripts that are whole bundles of nothing and to edit an article of something out of nothing is hard to do. But I am getting away from the main subject and must confine myself to the sights and scenes.

After a short stay in the office Bro. Garber accompanied us to the Boarding Hall, where we enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Shively and his family for the night. Next day we were shown through the College building by the janitor, Bro. Foltz, and made the visit a tedious one for the janitor. I would not be satisfied with the inside views; must get on the very top and see the outside view, and it was a gaand sight too. Dined with brother Shively at noon, and in the afternoon I was entertained by brethren Kimmel and Hildebrand. Attended church that night in the M. E. house. Roomed with Bro. Kimmel. Next day I visited the several classes during recitation. Was well pleased with the work. Dined with Bro. Garber, and in the evening attended a lecture on Phrenology. It was very instructive and entertaining, the only objection I could find was, Too short, too short.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Mason and attend his class-drill in Theology. It was very instructive, and though not a member of the class, I had the audicity to take notes and will profit by the same.

On Thursday I enjoyed the hospitalities of Bro. Foltz and family. In the evening I tried to preach in the College Chapel, to a fair congregation, enjoyed the service very much. After service I went to the pleasant home of Bro. H. K. Myers, for the night and to my surprise, met Bro. J. H. Worst, of Dakota. It was an agreeable surprise though and I enjoyed the short acquaintance hugely.

On the morning of Feb. 4th, I boarded the train on N. Y. P. & O., for home, where I arrived at 10 p. m. Found family well, for which we feel grateful to God.

I am greatly indebted to the brethren at Ashland for their kindness whilst with them and I am very thankful to all. Come and I will try and repay you in part. Brethren Garber and Foltz, please accept my best thanks for your gifts to me. I prize them highly and may God bless you abundantly.

Greetings to all at Ashland.

J. W. Smouse.

Vinco, Pa., Feb. 7th, 1887.

Philadelphia News.

The Brethren church is moving along smoothly with very good interest and much zeal. At present we are without a pastor and are obliged to get "supplies" from other denominations. We expect I. D. Bowman, of Va., to come to the city on the 19th of this month and preach for us until April next, then J. D. McFadden will come and take charge of the church. We extend a hearty invitation to Brethren to call on us when they come to our city. Our church is at Fourth and York streets. Preaching every Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School in the afternoon and prayer-meetings on Wednesday evenings.

J. C. Cassel.

1207 Columbia Ave.

The Indiana Legislature.

I am a member of the Indiana Legislature and came home yesterday for the first time since the session commenced. The complication of things in this Legislature might appear to an outsider as being rather exciting for religious considerations. This notion is owing to political newspapers and other politicians who are arrayed on both sides. The Legislature is, with a little exception, what the people made it. We, the members, cannot help that the people elected a majority of 12 Democrats in the Senate and 10 Republicans in the house and therefore so nearly a deadlock in joint convention. With the exception of the action of the Senate in regard to Lieu. Governor and a few other transactions in that body, this Legislature is an honor to Christianity. We, in the house, never miss bowing our heads in prayer in a most solemn manner every morning before doing business. This is never neglected. There are at least 4 preachers, members of the house, 33 farmers and the balance are divided up among other professions. So far much work has been privately done towards temperance and the first bill that came through the committee came to its first reading on the 4th inst. There may be members in the house that may not reflect very much credit to a Christian poeple, but while they are in the Legislature Halls, they invariably submit to the rules of courtesy and Christian deportment whatever their behavior may be outside. It is to the credit of the Americans, that when known to them, as a rule, they will not send men to the Legislature unless such as are to their credit. There are of course exceptions and a Judas among twelve is not an over istimate. When one gets acquainted with the Legislators who are now assembled at Indianapolis, the conclusion is that the people are able to take care of their interests, and a high standard of morality exists. If the Legislature could be alienated from the political trickster and demagogue who work from the outside, it would be largely to the advantage of the people and would verify the truth more exceptionally that "they are the servants of God to thee for good."

Daniel Miller.

Bro. Garber.

Bro. J. W. Smouse makes our name ver conspicious in his "visit to Ashland." It is a very delicate matter to "tinker" manuscript that refers to myself, and I seldom do it When something uncomplimentary is said about us, it does not matter so mush, but when complimentry remarks are made, then it becomes serious.

As Bro. Smouse and myself are well ac quainted now, he will feel no grievance over what I may write on this line.

It is not desirable to any editor who is not puffed up by a sickly and vain conceit to see his own name made prominent in his paper, and then it is not pleasing to the readers. In the next place I am not working for earthly fame. If I was I would choose a different field at once. But I am working to accomplish something in the Lord's cause, and whatever is done will only be duty, and if something is ever accomplished I will thank the Lord and be glad.

Again, frequent compliments make the readers believe that this man Garber is a smart fellow, and I very much dislike to have people deceived, especially in myself I have no time to be smart now, even if there was a desire. Then again, admiring mothers might begin to name their bright new sons after me, and as I am yet a young man, I might not prove to be faithful, then when I am old and they are old, and th namesakes are young men, then the mother and son would both be sad over the unfortunate act. Wait until I am tried well in the balance and then if there is cause for honor, then it will do. Another reason why I do not want a reputation is because I have no use for one now, and I could not take care of it. To keep a reputation after you have one require very careful attention.

Lastly I am no better than other men who are industrious and try to do their duty; neither do I possess more ability. Therefore it is not right that one man should have a good deal of notoriety and another little or none. So I beg of the brethren to compliment any good works they may find, and give the Lord the honor, and leave my name in silence.

We thank Bro. Smouse for the earnest article he has written about Ashland, and invite him to return whenever he can, and preach another cheering sermon.

A. L. Garber.

Lecture on Dakota.

On Saturday evening, February 19th, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Worst will deliver a lecture on Dakota. in the Chapel at Ashland College. Free to all, but a collection will be taken.

Mr. Worst was formerly a citizen of Ashland, and has been in Dakoto about three years, and he had an excellent opportunity to learn the peculiarities of that famous land, and with his pleasing address, every one will be entertained and profited.

Come out and hear him Saturday evening, Feb. 19th, at 7:30 p. m., Chapel of Ashland College.

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